逃れられぬ針の枷(かせ)!! KILLING BITES キリングバイツ

A quill shackling him from running!

...ABOUT THE BRUTE RATEL. EVERYTHING.
YOUR CHOICES ARE "DEATH or PAIN"!!
A BRUTE BATTLE: AN INSTINCTUAL DIRECT ATTACK! CHAPTER 3!
キリングバイツ
KILLING BITES
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CHAPTER 3: I WONDER HOW MANY YOU CAN TAKE?

TH-
THERE ARE QUILLS COMING OUT OF HER ARM!
I-IS SHE...
.....
Gah!
What's the matter?
A "HYBRID"?
THE SAME AS THOSE PEOPLE,

AGAH...
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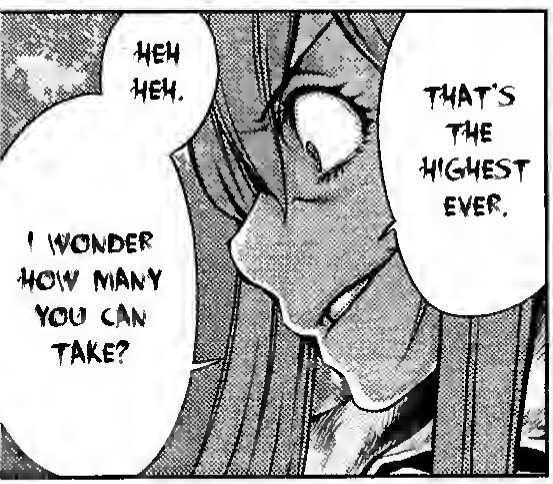
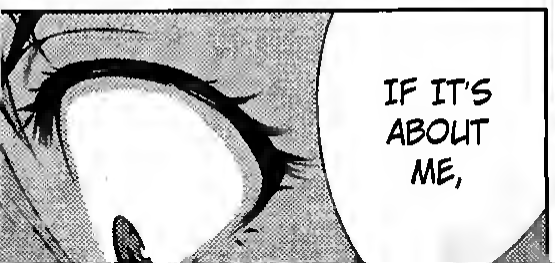
OH CRAP ...
O-
I'M DONE FOR...
ONE WASN'T ENOUGH
MAYBE

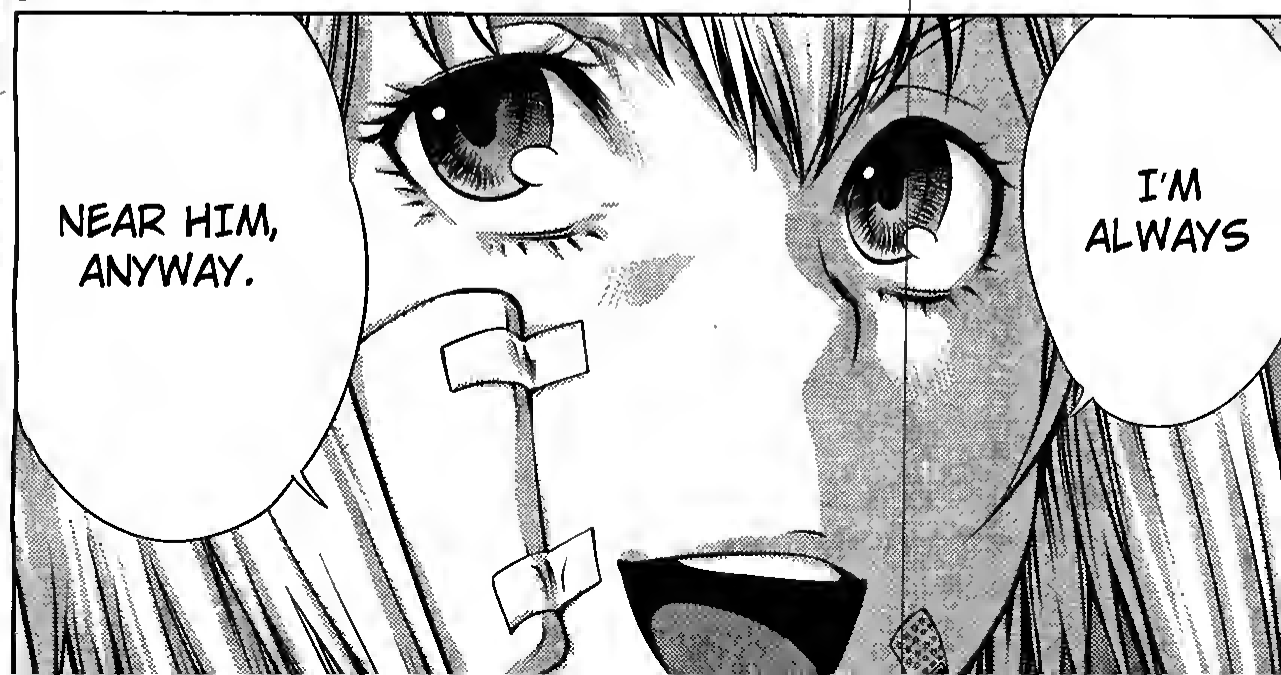
I'LL
BE KILLED...


HEH HEH.
I WONDER HOW MANY YOU CAN TAKE?
THAT'S THE HIGHEST EVER.

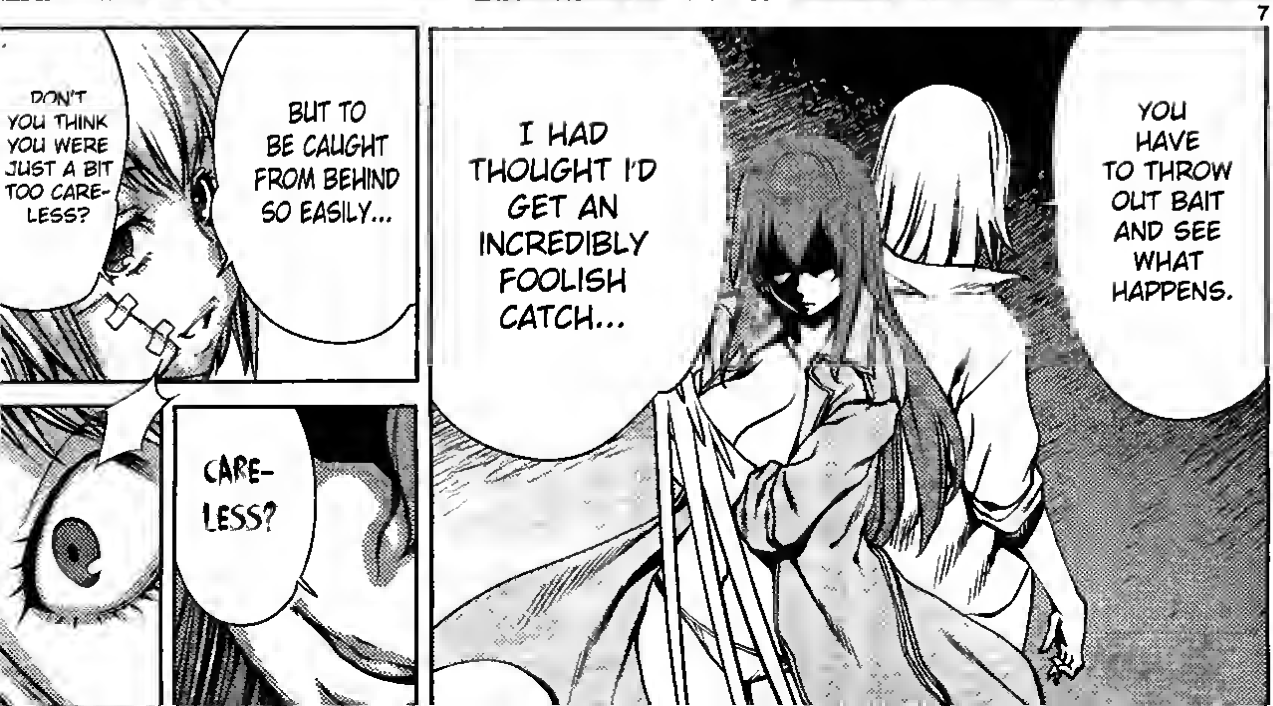
IN CASES OF FLESH-AND-BLOOD,
THERE ARE SOME WHO HAVE BEEN STABBED WITH AS MANY AS TEN QUILLS.


IF IT'S ABOUT ME,

WHY NOT JUST ASK ME DIRECTLY?


I'M ALWAYS
NEAR HIM, ANYWAY.

HITOMI-CHAN...
H-
RATEL...
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.


DON'T YOU THINK YOU WERE JUST A BIT TOO CARE-LESS?
BUT TO BE CAUGHT FROM BEHIND SO EASILY...
CARE-LESS?
I HAD THOUGHT I'D GET AN INCREDIBLY FOOLISH CATCH...
YOU HAVE TO THROW OUT BAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

KUH
...

QUILLS
CAME OUT OF HER BACK, TOO...
CAUGHT FROM BEHIND?
HOW LAUGH-ABLE.
9
I DO NOT HAVE A BLIND SPOT THERE.
HONESTLY.
THAT'S THE EASIEST PLACE TO ATTACK FOR ME.
MY ENTIRE BODY IS A WEAPON.

I AM A PORCUPINE
THUS,
BRUTE "RAUDI"

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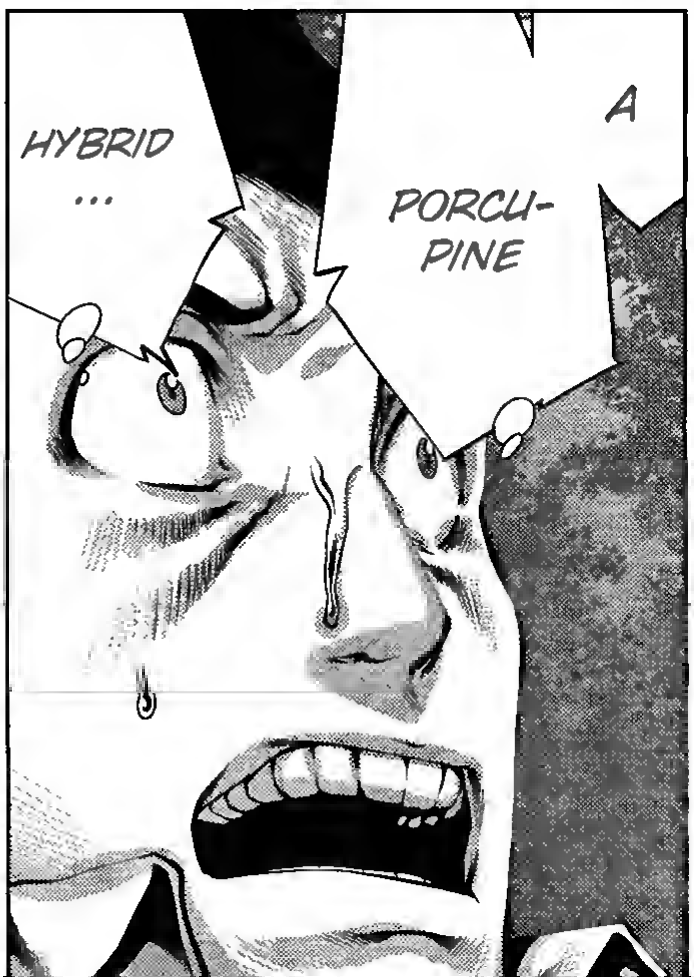
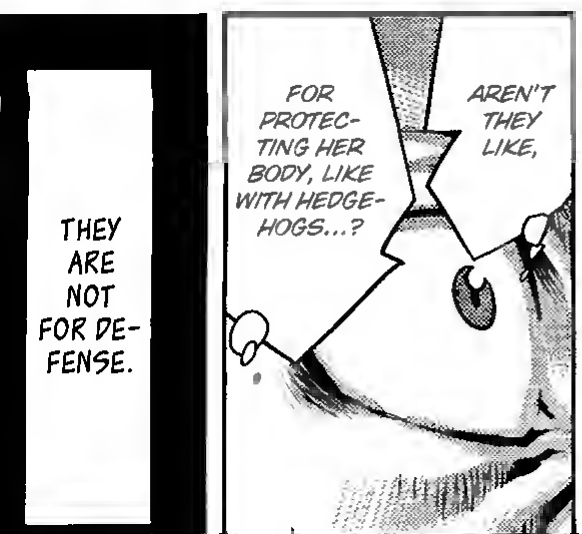
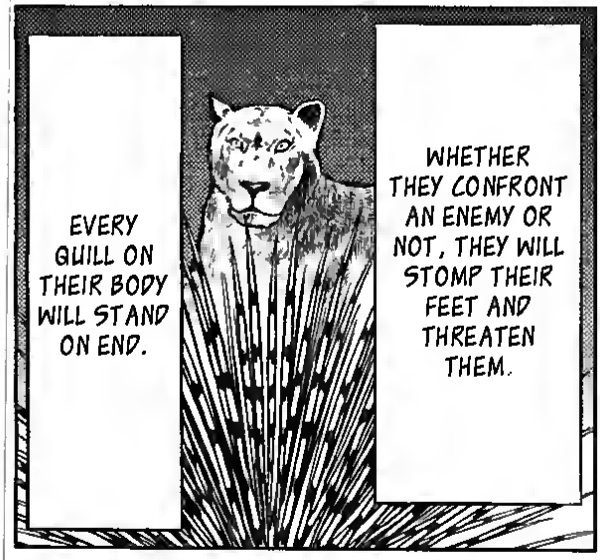
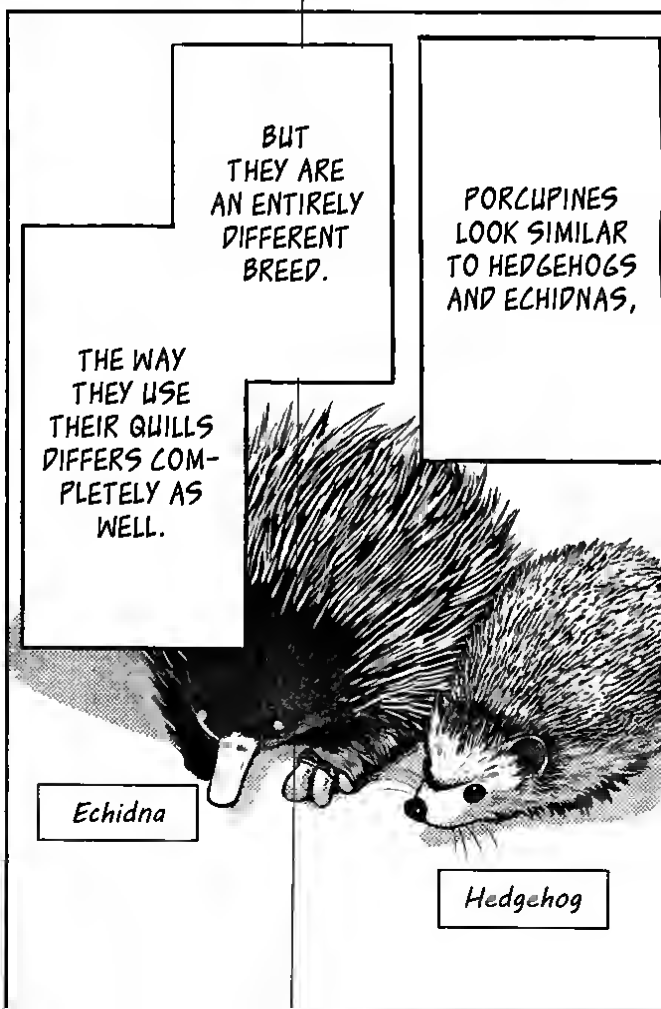
SHE SAID THEY WERE POR-CUPINE QUILLS...
ALL OF THOSE QUILLS ARE WEAPONS?
IS SHE FOR REAL?

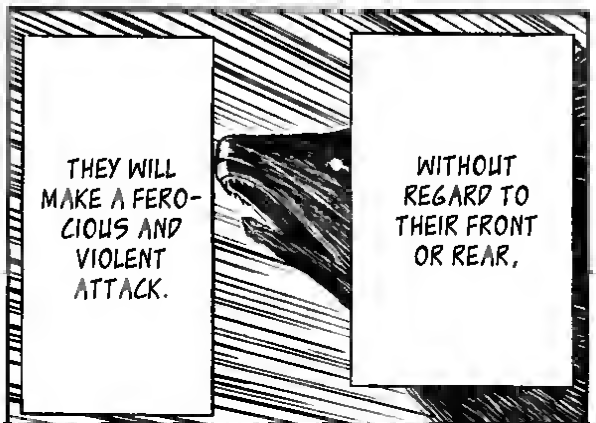

HYBRID ...
A PORCU-PINE

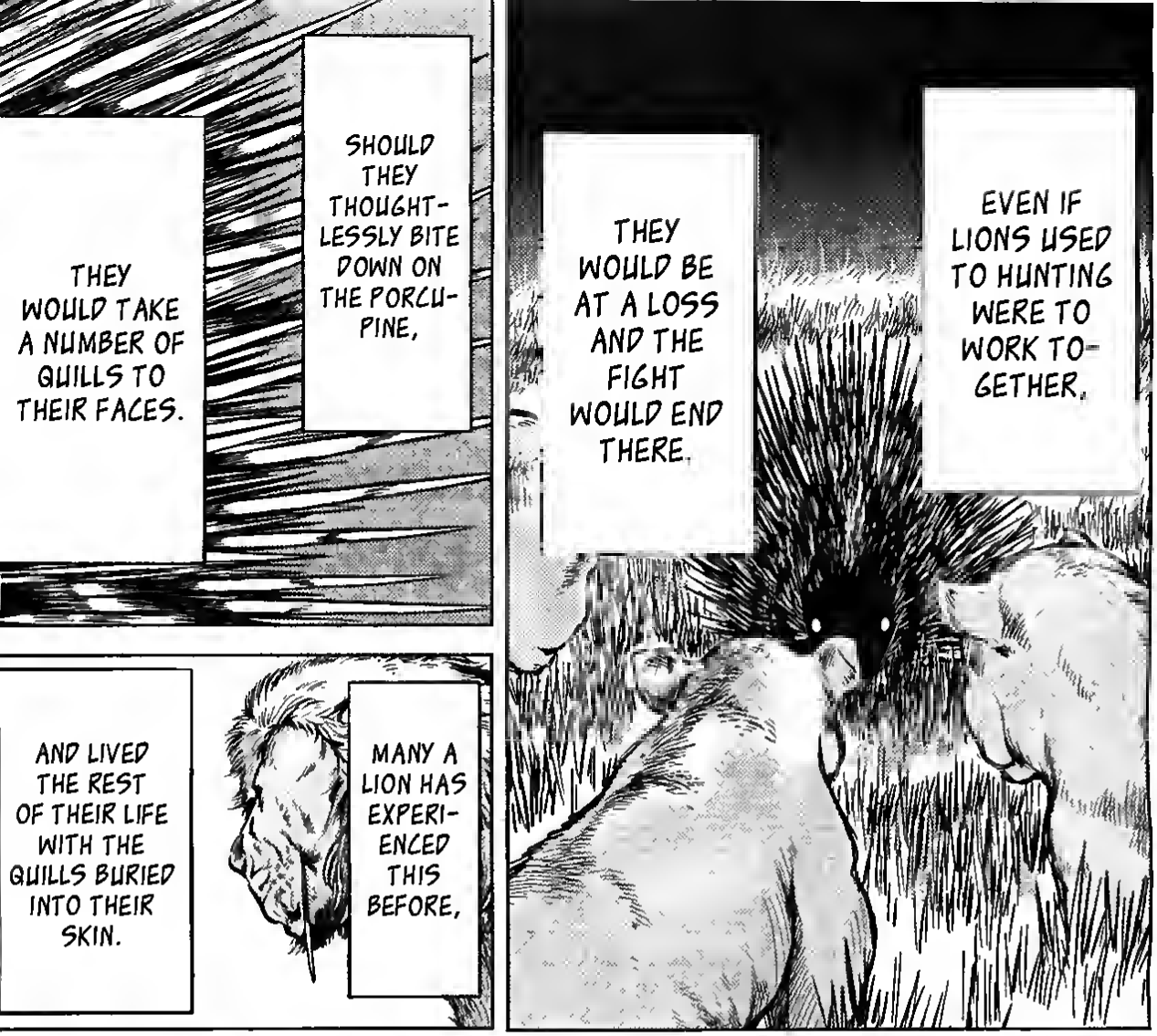

THEY ARE NOT FOR DE-FENSE.
FOR PROTEC-TING HER BODY, LIKE WITH HEDGE-HOGS...?
AREN'T THEY LIKE,

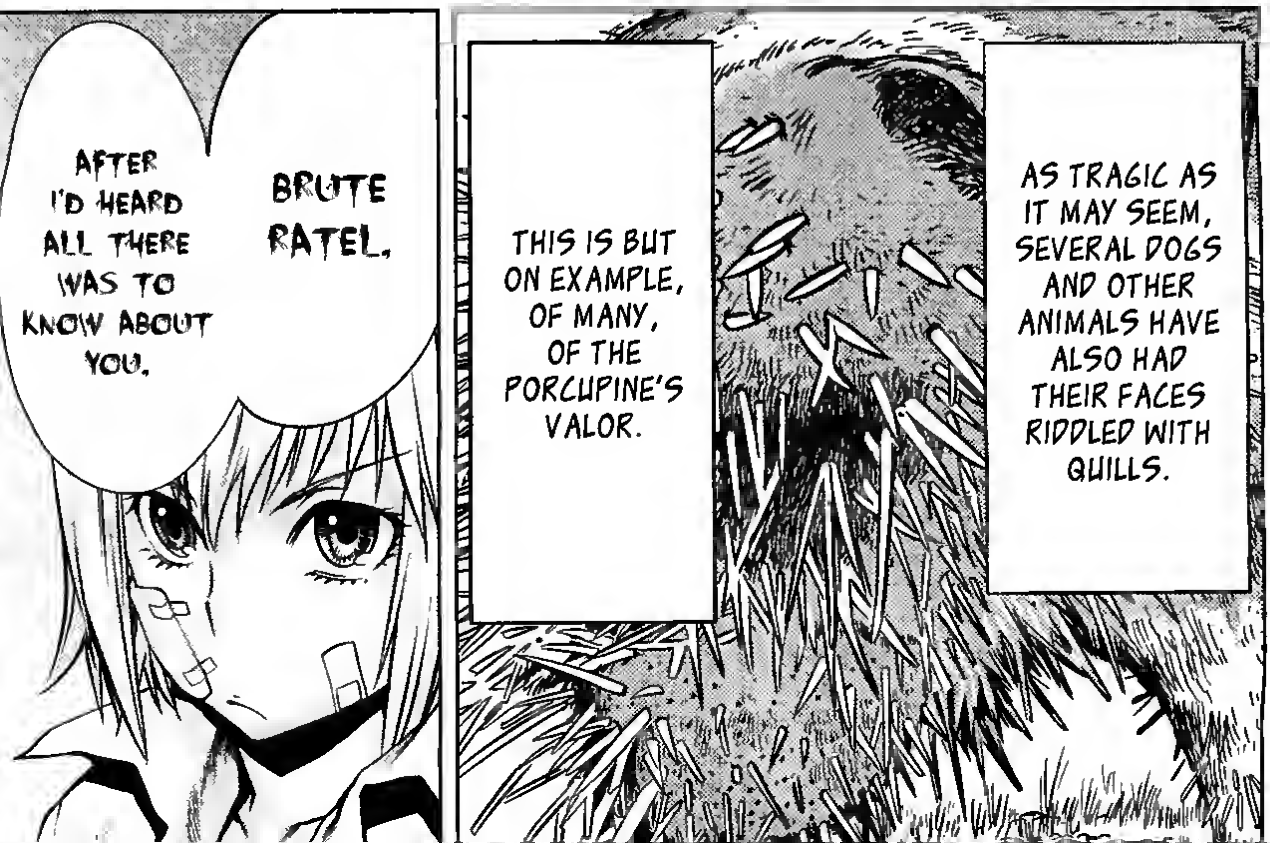
THE QUILLS OF A PORCUPINE
ARE WEAPONS USED FOR ATTACKING.


EVERY QUILL ON THEIR BODY WILL STAND ON END.
WHETHER THEY CONFRONT AN ENEMY OR NOT, THEY WILL STOMP THEIR FEET AND THREATEN THEM.


PORCUPINES LOOK SIMILAR TO HEDGEHOGS AND ECHIDNAS,
BUT THEY ARE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT BREED.
THE WAY THEY USE THEIR QUILLS DIFFERS COMPLETELY AS WELL.
Echidna
Hedgehog

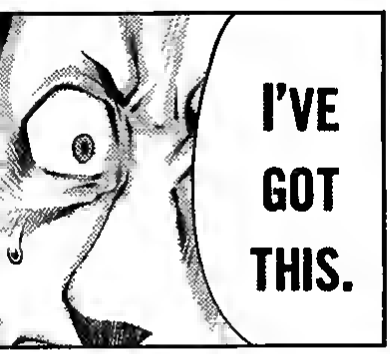

THEY WILL MAKE A FEROCIOUS AND VIOLENT ATTACK.
WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR FRONT OR REAR,


EVEN IF LIONS USED TO HUNTING WERE TO WORK TOGETHER,
THEY WOULD BE AT A LOSS AND THE FIGHT WOULD END THERE.
SHOULD THEY THOUGHTLESSLY BITE DOWN ON THE PORCUPINE,
THEY WOULD TAKE A NUMBER OF QUILLS TO THEIR FACES.
MANY A LION HAS EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE,
AND LIVED THE REST OF THEIR LIFE WITH THE QUILLS BURIED INTO THEIR SKIN.


AS TRAGIC AS IT MAY SEEM, SEVERAL DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS HAVE ALSO HAD THEIR FACES RIDDLED WITH QUILLS.
THIS IS BUT ON EXAMPLE, OF MANY, OF THE PORCUPINE'S VALOR.
BRUTE RATEL.
AFTER I'D HEARD ALL THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU.

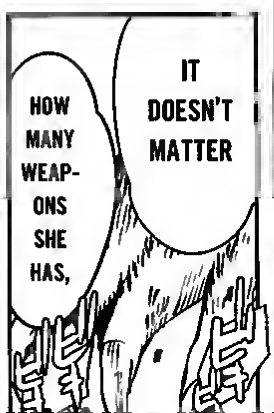
I WAS GOING TO KILL THIS GUY.
!
AND TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICI-PATE. BUT....
CHANGE OF PLANS.
IT'LL TAKE LESS TIME
IF I JUST KILL YOU
RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
TH-
THIS IS BAD...
NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THAT GIRL IS,
IF SHE'S STABBED BY A BUNCH OF THOSE THINGS...

NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT,
SHE'S GOING TO DIE.


I'VE GOT THIS.

SHE'S IN TROUBLE
ALL BECAUSE I CAN'T MOVE MY LEG...
I'VE GOTTA DO SOME-THING!

THE ONE WHOSE FANGS ARE SHARPEST WILL WIN.

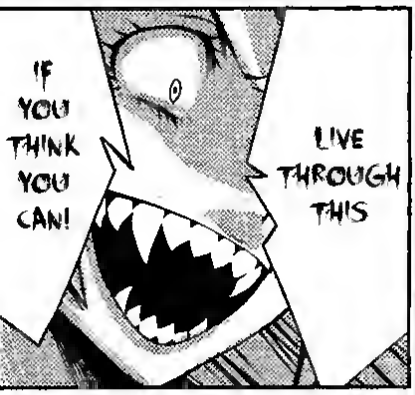

HOW MANY WEAP-ONS SHE HAS,
IT DOESN'T MATTER

KILLING BITES.
THUS,
BRUTE RATEL

!?
SHE'S GOING TO FIGHT...?
HER WOUNDS AREN'T EVEN HEALED YET...
I COULD CARE LESS THAT YOU'RE THE "KILLER OF LEO".
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST SOME ROOKIE.
YOU SURE DO FLAP YOUR GUMS, PRETENDING YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.

!?

THE FIERCE ATTACKS OF PORCUPINES.
EVEN LIONS DREAD AND DETEST


IF YOU THINK YOU CAN!
LIVE THROUGH THIS

SHE JUMPED INTO THE AIR!
!?

DEATHBLOW:

山荒風
ラウディストーム
STORM
OF
RAUDI!

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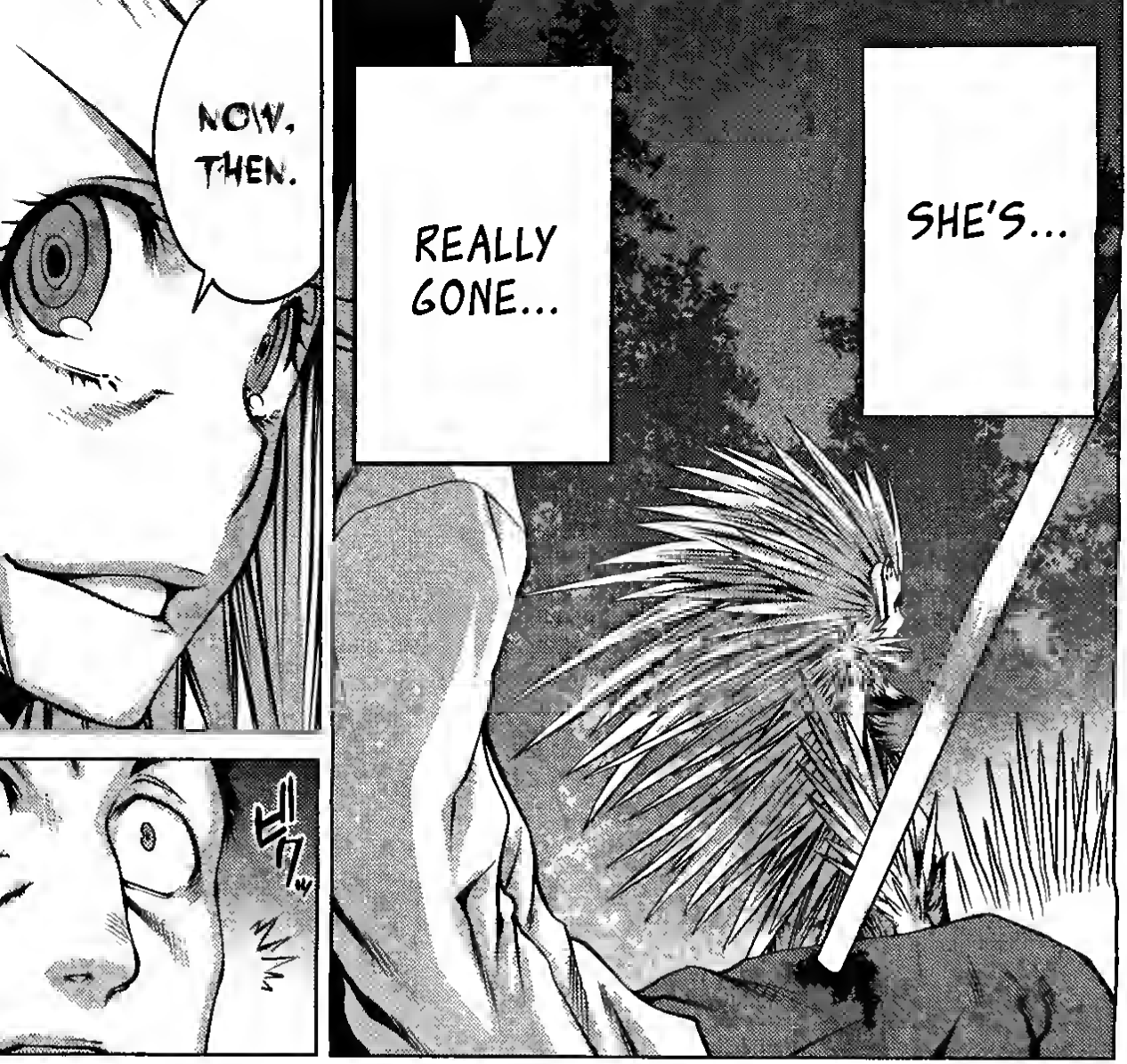
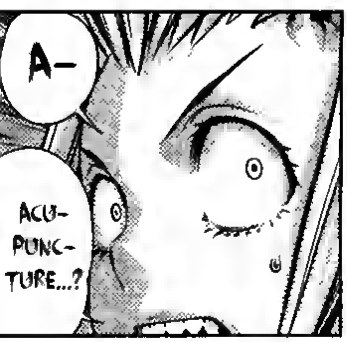
DEAD AS A DOORNAIL, HUH?
WHA...
.....
N-
NO WAY...!
WAS JUST REALLY GOOD LUCK.
I GUESS HER WIN AGAINST BRUTE LEO
HOW DIS-SAPOIN TING.


NOW, THEN.
SHE'S...
REALLY GONE...
HM

MAYBE I'LL TRY FOR A NEW RECORD
AND STICK 11 QUILLS IN YOU.
SO I GUESS I'M JUST GOING TO CONTINUE WITH YOU. ♡
THAT DIDN'T REALLY APPEASE ME.
HM

HAAAAAAAAA...


A-
ACU-
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TURE...?

WHY
YOU!
WH-

I FEEL
WAY
BETTER
NOW.
THAT
ACUPUNCTURE
FELT GREAT
AND REALLY
ENERGIZED ME.
MMM...

HIT YOU DEAD CENTER WITH THAT.
AND I...
SO WHY ARE YOU SO...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?
IT'LL FALL APART!
EVEN WHEN STEEL GETS HIT BY A VOLLEY OF "RAUDI SPINE".
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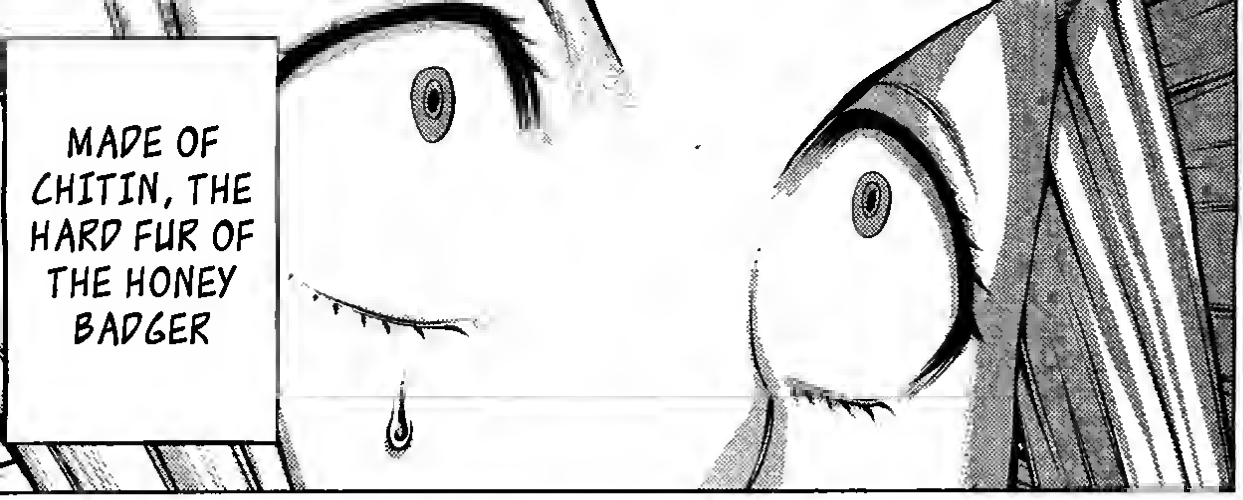
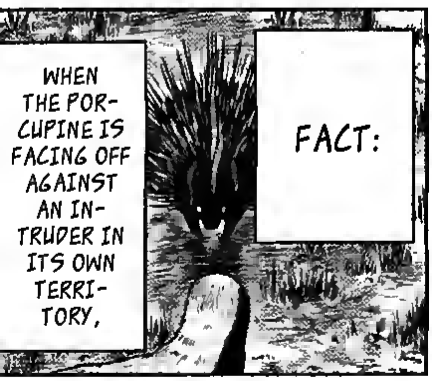
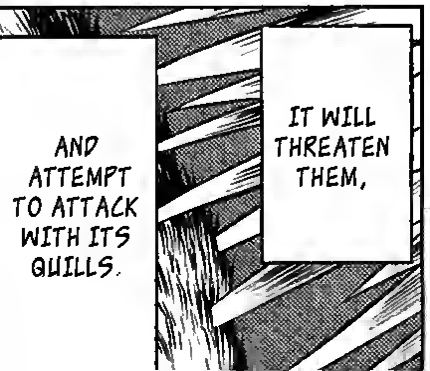
BE PENETRATED BY THESE.
MY FUR COULD NEVER

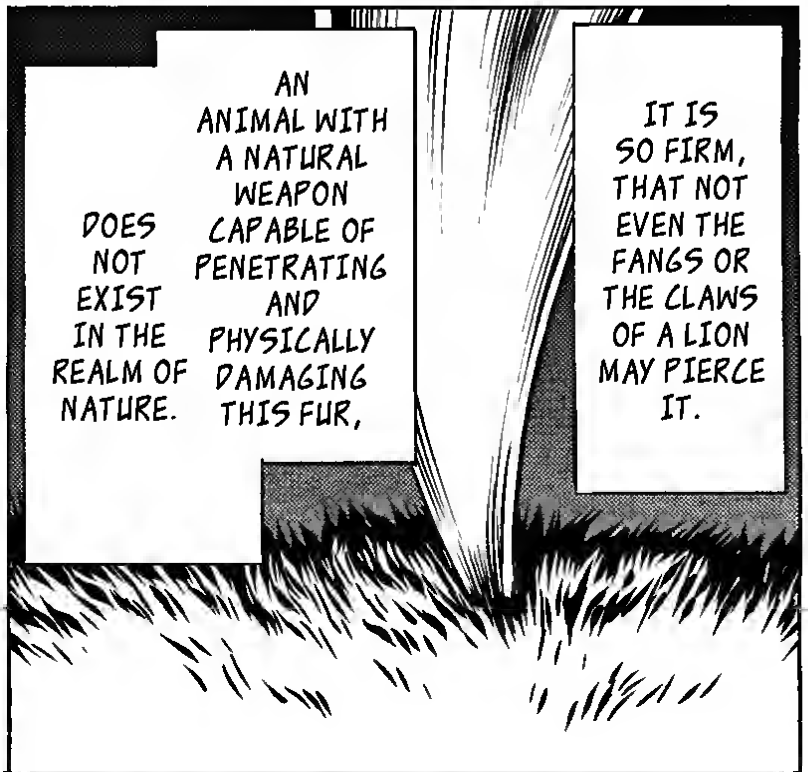

MADE OF CHITIN, THE HARD FUR OF THE HONEY BADGER

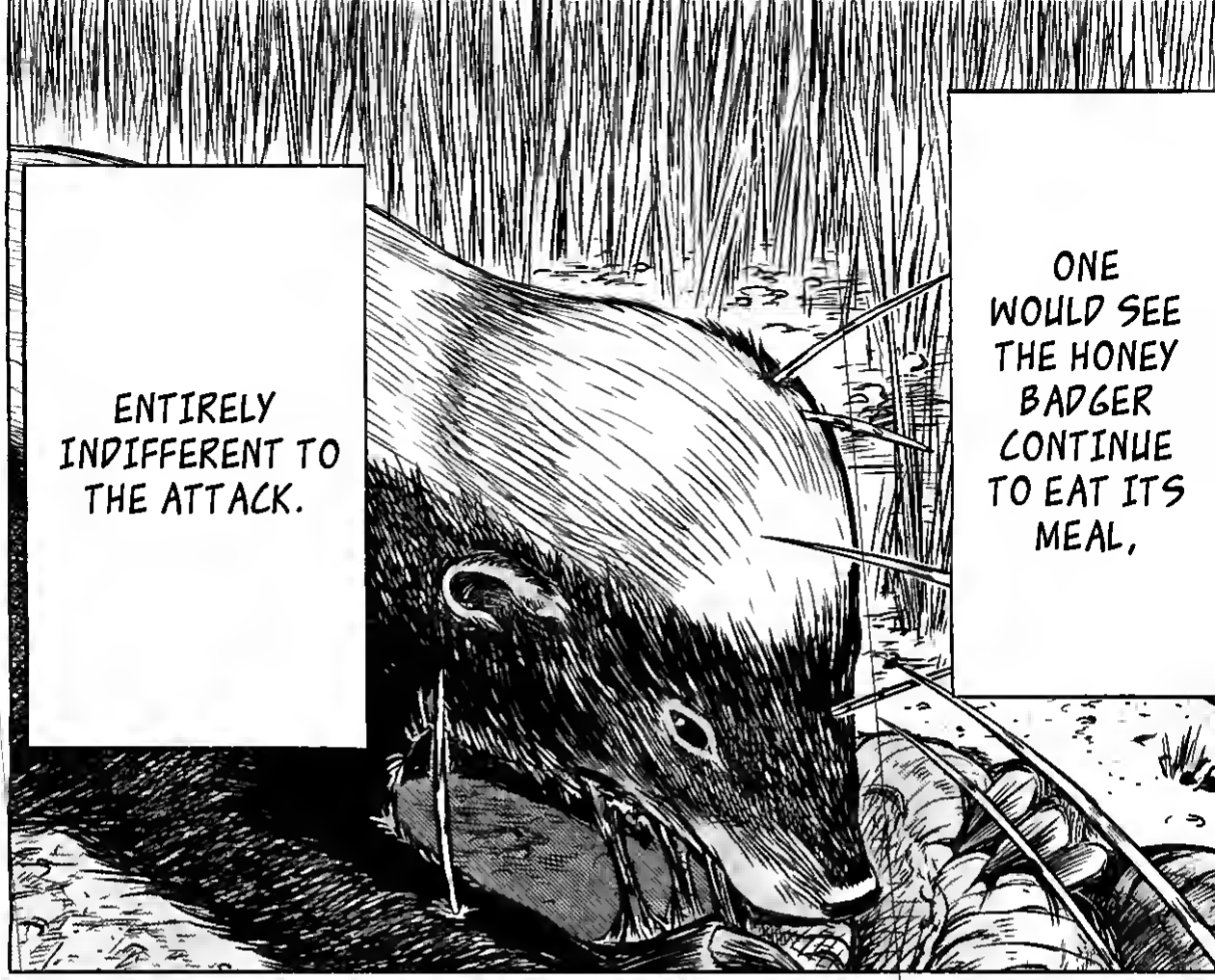
A NATURAL ARMOR.
IS THICK AND INCREDIBLY FLEXIBLE,

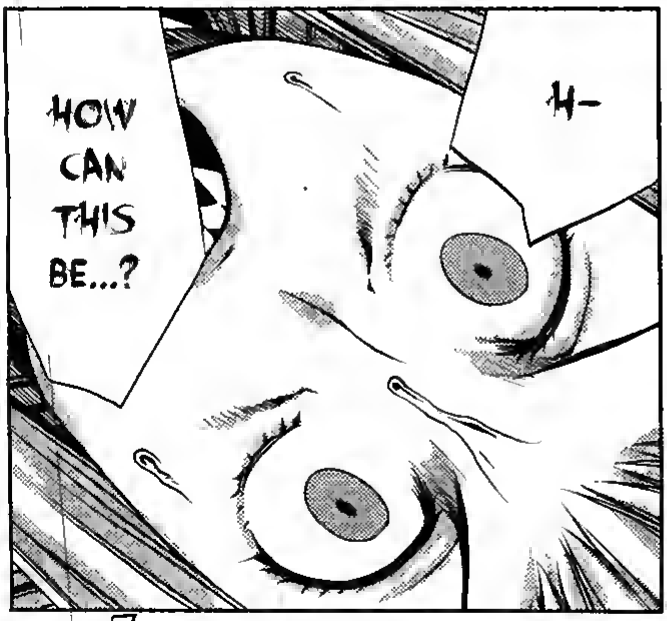

WHEN THE PORCUPINE IS FACING OFF AGAINST AN INTRUDER IN ITS OWN TERRITORY,

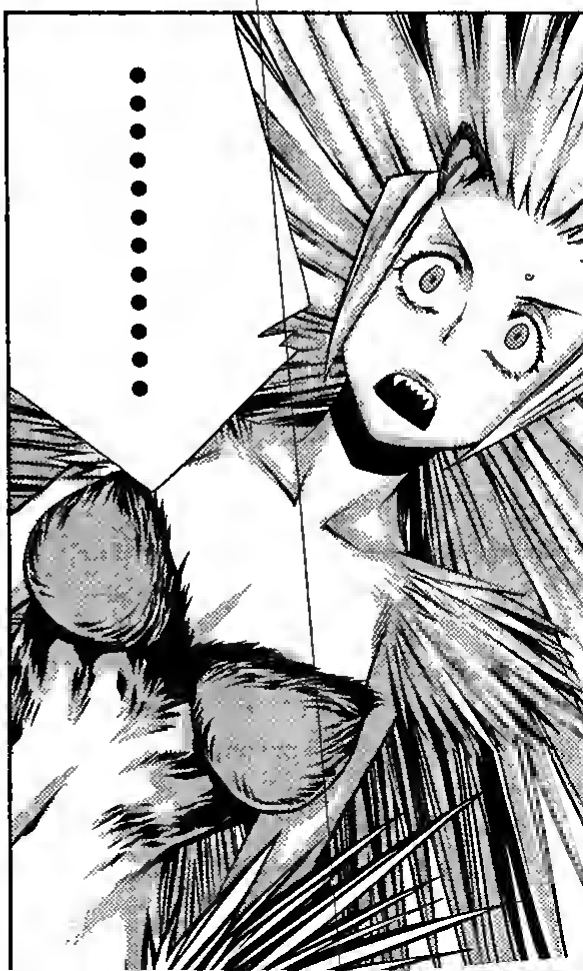
FACT:


AND ATTEMPT TO ATTACK WITH ITS QUILLS.
IT WILL THREATEN THEM,


DOES NOT EXIST IN THE REALM OF NATURE.
AN ANIMAL WITH A NATURAL WEAPON CAPABLE OF PENETRATING AND PHYSICALLY DAMAGING THIS FUR,
IT IS SO FIRM, THAT NOT EVEN THE FANGS OR THE CLAWS OF A LION MAY PIERCE IT.


ONE WOULD SEE THE HONEY BADGER CONTINUE TO EAT ITS MEAL,
ENTIRELY INDIFFERENT TO THE ATTACK.


H-
HOW CAN THIS BE...?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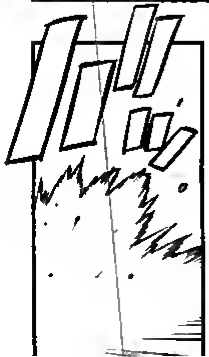

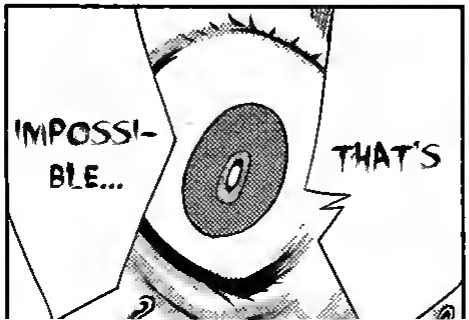
IMPOSSI-BLE...
THAT'S

IM-
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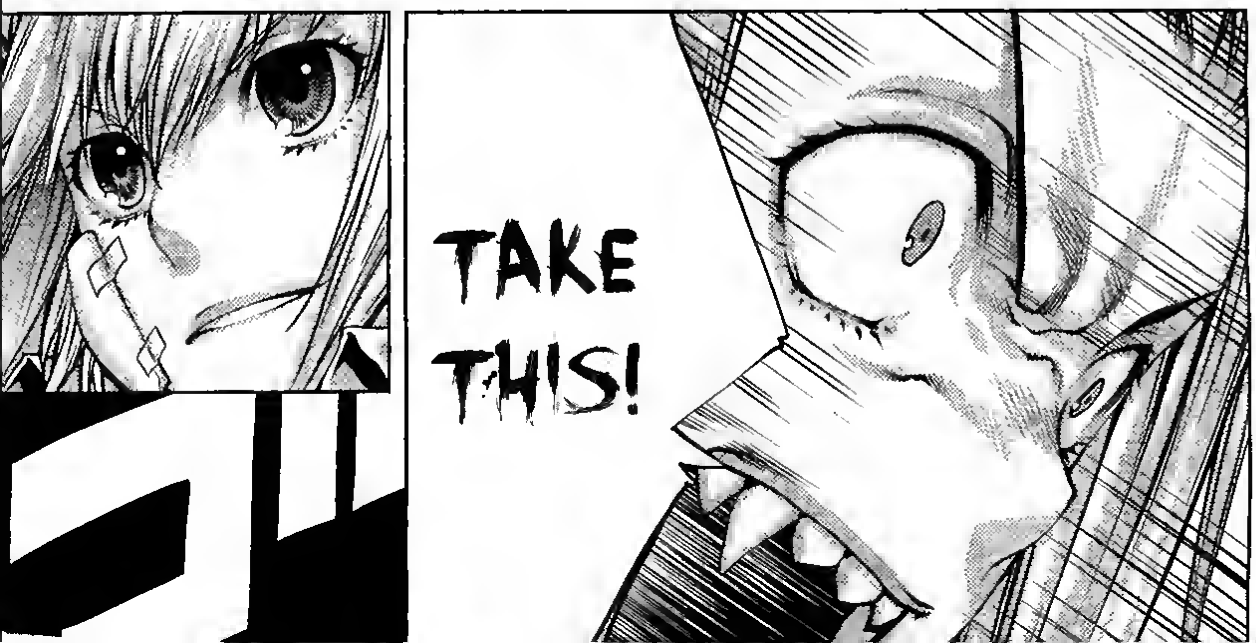
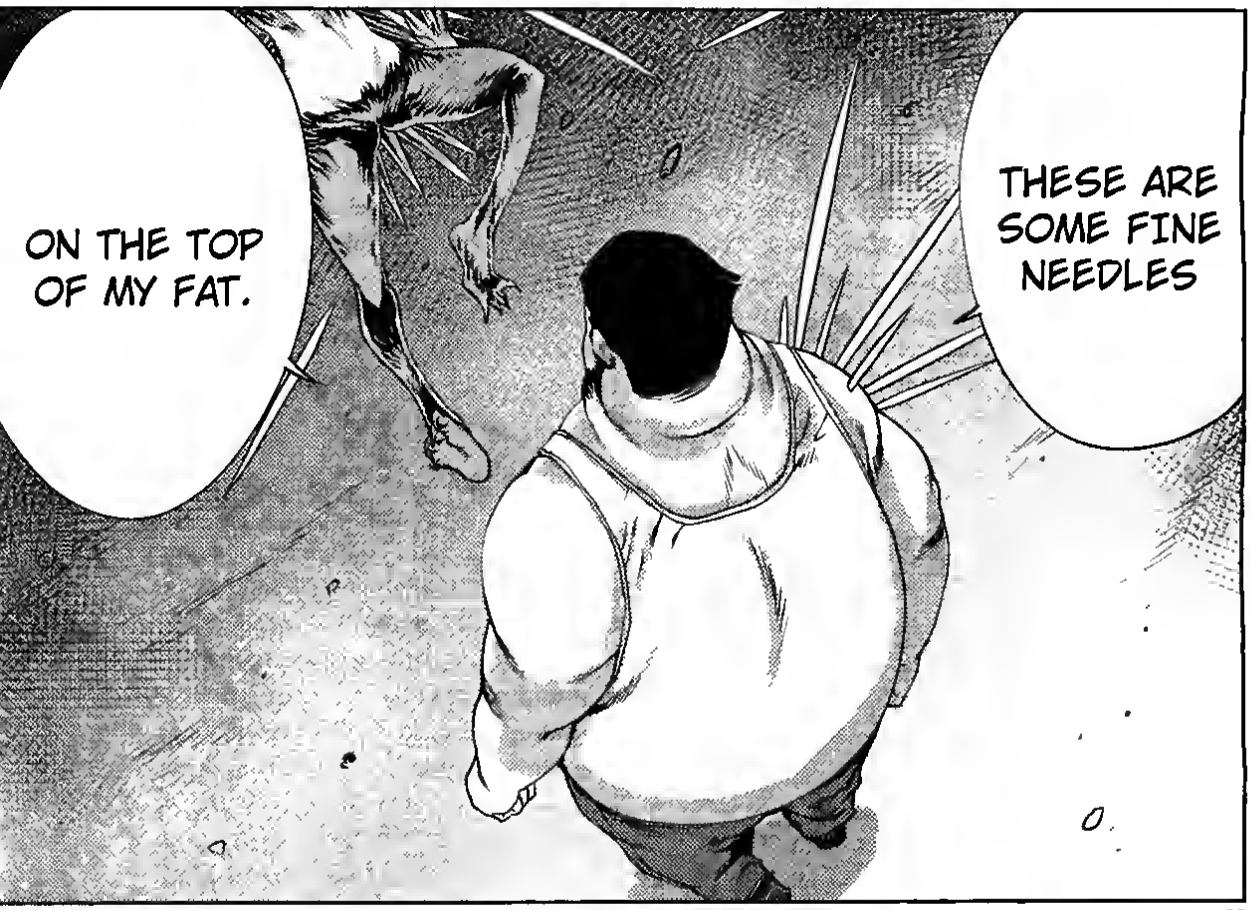
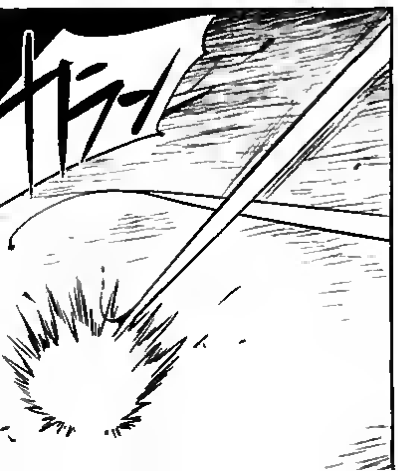

TAKE
THIS!

WHEEEEW...


ON THE TOP OF MY FAT.
THESE ARE SOME FINE NEEDLES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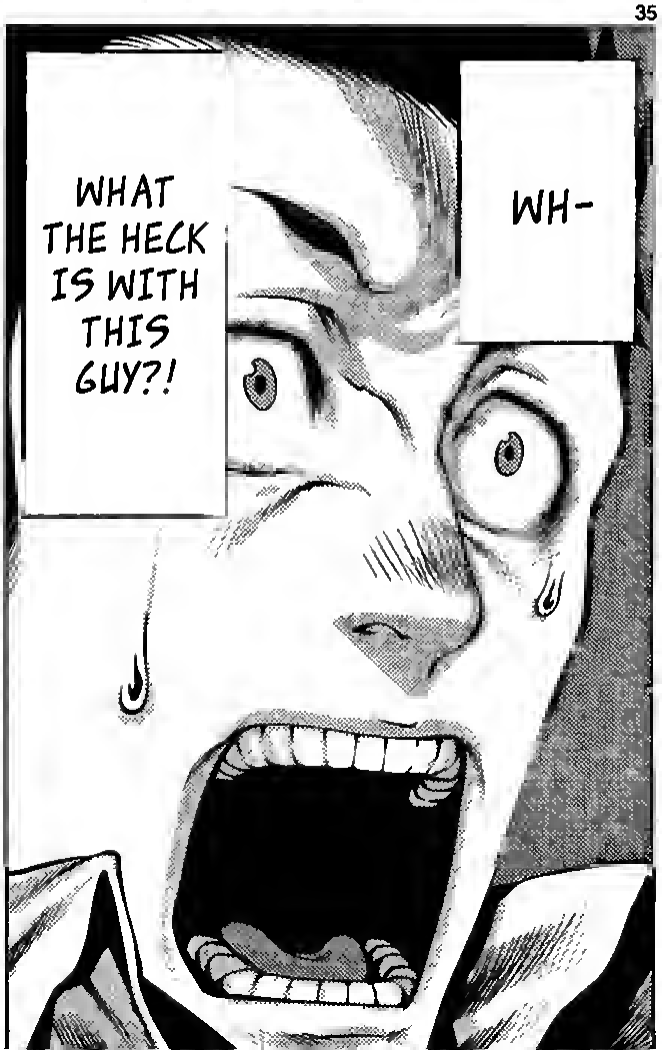
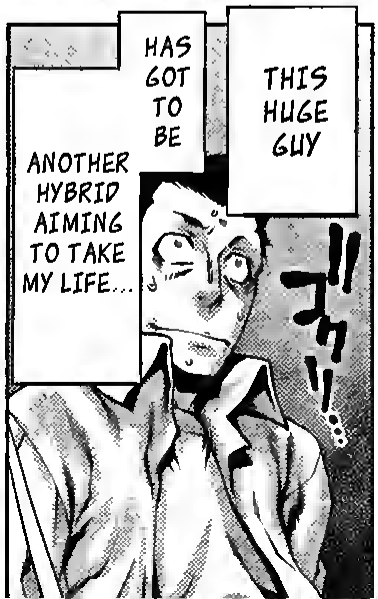
THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN TOOTHPICKS.

YOU'VE TRANSFORMED ALREADY AND THIS IS ALL YOU'VE GOT?

.....

AND TOOK THAT HYBRID DOWN.
HE THREW HIS BODY AGAINST HER,


WHAT THE HECK IS WITH THIS GUY?!
WH-


HAS GOT TO BE ANOTHER HYBRID AIMING TO TAKE MY LIFE...
THIS HUGE GUY

WHAT?
WHO WANTS TO KNOW?
ARE YOU "RATEL"?
SORRY, BUT
I GET IT.
AH,

WHAT OF IT?
WANT ME TO KILL YOU TOO?
A CUTE, LITTLE GIRL, TOOK DOWN LEO.
HEHE-HEH.
I'D HEARD THAT YOU,

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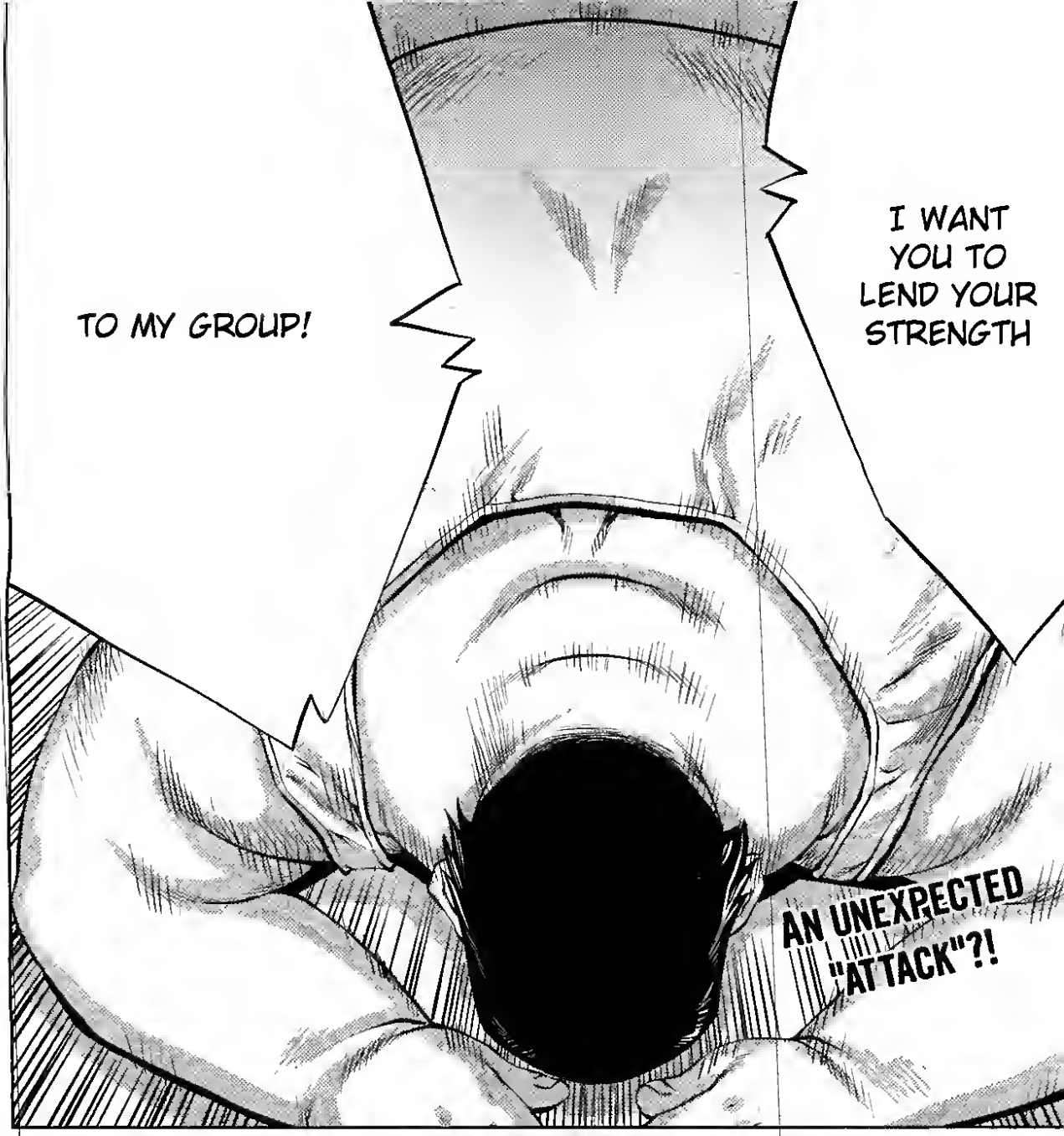
PLEASE HELP ME!



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